GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:428
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IMPLEMENTATION OF SANA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints received regarding irregularities in the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; (b whether any enquiry has been conducted in regard to these complaints; and

(c) if so, the outcome of these enquiries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) to (c): According to the information furnished by the School Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, an amount of Rs.14,98,03,378/-of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)/Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) had been diverted to unauthorized Bank Accounts by the Assistant Accounts Officer of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Andhra Pradesh. An FIR was lodged by the SSA office with the City Central Crime Station on 02.04.2007. Subsequently, the State Government has transferred the case to CID for further investigation. The Government of Andhra Pradesh also has on 25.05.2007 appointed a retired Judge of the High Court as a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 to probe into all aspects of embezzlement including the circumstances or the lapses which led to embezzlement and to fix the responsibility on the persons allegedly involved. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has suspended three Accounts Officials and another three have been transferred out of the State Project Office of SSA/DPEP. In addition, Government of India has requested the Comptroller and Auditor General of India to carry out a special Audit of Accounts pertaining to DPEP and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the period from 2000-01 till the date through the Andhra Pradesh State Accountant General (Audit) to ascertain the veracity of accounts.